

- 1 -

Docket: 0756-2378

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of)
SHUNPEI YAMAZAKI et al)
Serial No. 09/986,743) Group Art Unit: 2812
Filed: 11/09/2001) Examiner: Unassigned
For: LASER APPARATUS, LASER ANNEALING)
METHOD, AND MANUFACTURING)
METHOD OF A SEMICONDUCTOR)
DEVICE)

10-2-2002
DEC 19 2002
10-2-2002

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant submits herewith a Form PTO-1449 listing references known to Applicant and requests that these references be made of record in the above identified application. Copies of the references listed are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

These references were cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated October 4, 2002 in Application Serial No. 09/932,935.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of an Office Action on the merits, therefore no fee is required.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c), and 1.20(d) (except the Issue Fee) which may be

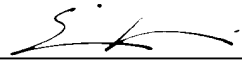
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on 12-12-02

James M. Fisher

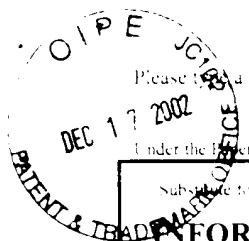
required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2280.
A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric J. Robinson
Reg. No. 38,285

Robinson Intellectual Property Law Office, P.C.
PMB 955
21010 Southbank Street
Potomac Falls, Virginia 20165
(571) 434-6789



Please use a plus sign (+) inside this box (+)

PTO/SB-08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002 OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>		Complete if Known	
		Application Number	09 986,743
		Filing Date	November 9, 2001
		First Named Inventor	Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.
		Group Art Unit	2812
Sheet 1 of 1		Examiner Name	Unassigned
		Attorney Docket Number	0756-2378

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ²	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ³ <i>(if known)</i>			
		5,998,759		Smart	12 07 99	
		6,455,347		Hiraishi et al.	09 24 02	
		2002 0070663	A1	Ogura et al.	06 13 02	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ²	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Office ⁴	Number ⁴	Kind Code ³ <i>(if known)</i>			

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ²	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS); title of the article (when appropriate); title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.); date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and or country where published.	T ⁵

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST 3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement - This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FILLS OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.